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SUBJECT: FAA PROPOSED AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH CIVIL AVIATION ASSISTANCE GROUP (CAAG) IN SPAIN

REF: (A) MADRID 3536; (B) MADRID 3537

- 1. FAA MOST APPRECIATIVE OF AMBASSADOR'S INTERVENTION AND EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO HAVE GOS MOVE AHEAD ON PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA).
- 2. FAA AGREEABLE SPECIFICALLY TO CHANGES PROPOSED REFTEL WITH EXCEPTION CHANGE TO ARTICLE VII DISCUSSED SEPARATELY BELOW.

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3. THERE REMAINS QUESTION OF CHOICE OF MODALITY, I.E., MOA EXECUTED BY FAA WITH MINAIR OR MFA/EMBASSY EXCHANGE OF NOTES AS PROPOSED IN REFTELS. CONSIDERING MUTUAL U.S./ SPANISH INTERESTS IN REACHING FINAL AGREEMENT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE, FAA WILLING ACCEPT EITHER OPTION AS SET FORTH BELOW.

4. FAA/MINAIR MOA. THIS OPTION CONFORMS NORMAL FAA PRACTICE AND DEPT'S PREFERENCE APPLIED NUMEROUS FAA PROJECTS INCLUDING EARLIER PROJECTS WITH GOS. REGARDLESS OF SPANISH SIGNATORY, FAA ENTERS INTO AGREEMENT ON BASIS STATUTORY AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION WHICH HAS BEEN DELEGATED TO FAA.

IF RIGHTS AND IMMUNITIES CANNOT BE ARRANGED BETWEEN RESPECTIVE SPANISH MINISTRIES TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN SUCH MOA, SUGGEST THEIR DELETION IN MOA TEXT PROVIDED THEY ARE COVERED BY SIMULTANEOUS EXCHANGE OF NOTES BY EMBASSY AND MFA.

- 5. EXCHANGE OF NOTES, EMBASSY/MFA. EXCHANGE PROPOSED REFTEL A WOULD DELAY EXECUTION SINCE DEPT WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORITY FOR THIS TYPE OF AGREEMENT.
- 6. IN ANY EVENT FAA WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ENDEAVORING TO OBTAIN MFA CONCURRENCE TO INCORPORATE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE VII WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE FAA AND GOS DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION TO CONSUMMATE AMENDMENTS. THIS NEEDED IN ORDER FACILITATE CHANGES WHICH FAA EXPERIENCE INDICATES NORMALLY ARE REQUIRED AS PROJECT DEVELOPS. ANY SUCH AMENDMENT, IN ACCORDANCE ESTABLISHED FAA/DEPT PRACTICES, WOULD BE FULLY COORDINATED THROUGH DEPT AND EMBASSY BEFORE BEING FINALIZED, ASSURING CONFORMITY WITH INTENT OF AGREEMENT. PRESUMABLY AIR MINISTRY AND MFA COULD ESTABLISH COMPARABLE COORDINATION SPANISH SIDE.

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IF CONFIRMATION OF SUCH AMENDMENTS NECESSARY, IT COULD BE ESTABLISHED BY SUBSEQUENT EXCHANGE OF NOTES BY EMBASSY AND MFA.

- 7. IF APPROACH IN PARA. 4 ABOVE AGREED TO BY GOS, FAA AGREEABLE TO EMBASSY CHANGING TEXT OF MOA TO CONFORM WITH PARAS. 2 AND 6 ABOVE AND OBTAINING APPROPRIATE GOS SIGNATURE.
- 8. FYI. PRIMARY CANDIDATES FOR THREE OF FIVE CAAG POSITIONS HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED WITH OTHERS EXPECTED BY JUNE 1. END FYI. VANCE

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